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Cub Scouts placing the fire pit at Kyle T. Eagle Project

## Cub Pack 1031 Begins a New Year

By Regina Halper

Cub Pack 1031 has had a full month of activities and fun! We helped our den chief, Kyle T., with his Eagle project to add benches and put in a new fire ring at the Little Paint Branch Trail fire pit.

Nine Cub Scouts helped clear the weeds from the fire pit and build and install the fire ring. It was a great project. We also camped at Watkins Regional Park

with most of the Cub Pack participating. We hiked for 3 miles and visited the Nature Center and Old Maryland Farm. The boys had the most fun playing ball and cooking over the fire.

We also have welcomed new Lions to our Cub Pack family and four older scouts to the pack. Lion Scouts are kindergarteners and meet twice a month with their parents.

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## Beltsville Briefs

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Calverton Baptist Church

Calverton Baptist Church invites you to its Candlelight Christmas Service on December 24 at 6 pm. The church is located at the corner of Fairland Road and Galway Drive where the Calverton Community's sign is. Please join the friendly folks during this special time of year as we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. Everyone is welcome to celebrate with us as we worship together, sing praises, and hear the meaning of this joyous season! A dessert fellowship will follow the service. Please come and meet some new friends.



### Living Nativity

The First Baptist Church of Beltsville, 4700 Odell Road, invites you to come see the Nativity story come to life! The church will be holding a living Nativity and open house on December 2 and 3 from 6 pm-8 pm. In case of rain, the dates will be December 9 and 10.

### St. Joseph Catholic

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## Beltsville Native Honored for His Work in Florida

Congratulations to Juan Diasgranados for being listed in "Legacy Miami and Legacy South Florida's 40 Under 40 Leaders of Today and Tomorrow for 2017 in Miami, Florida."

The honorees were nominated by past honorees and community members and were selected by the publication based on their professional and philanthropic accomplishments. Diasgranados currently serves as the public affairs manager at Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation, the 8<sup>th</sup> largest jail system in the country. His day-to-day responsibilities include overseeing and imple-



Juan Diasgranados proudly displays his Legacy Award.

menting the internal and external communications strategy for the office. Since the start of Juan's employment, his department has been featured on HBO, on CNN, and in the Miami-Herald.

Juan Diasgranados is a 2008 alumni of High Point High School where he was class president for four years and the vice president for the Prince George's County Regional Association of Student Government (PGRASG). During high school, Juan worked for former councilman Tom Dernoga answering calls from constituents

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## Eagle Scout Project Improves Campfire Site

By Kyle Thomas, Future Eagle Scout, Troop 1033

Scouts, families, and friends of Boy Scouts of America Troop 1033 and Cub Pack 1031 of Beltsville joined together at the Beltsville Community Center on Saturday, September 30, to assist Life Scout Kyle Thomas with the final phase of his Eagle Scout Service Project. A requirement for obtaining the rank of Eagle is to plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or their community. For this project, Kyle decided to clean up and improve the campfire area alongside the Beltsville Community Center. Volunteers removed weeds and



Boy Scouts help with Eagle Scout Service Project

brush from the area, constructed and installed six 10-foot wooden benches, and installed a new, galvanized fire ring. This work was planned and performed under the supervision of Maryland National Capital Park &

Planning Commission (MNCPPC) Park Rangers Benjamin Sweet and Jon Paolo Abellera.

After receiving approval

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Than:

**November 15**

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**November 25**

## On the Agenda



Karen Coakley

By President Karen M. Coakley

Several years ago, I shared "good news": High Point was going to be renovated/rebuilt beginning in 2017-2018. My dreams for our community have been shattered! I watched as the school board moved the start date back a year at a time. In June of this year, we were told 2024. The start date has now been moved back to 2025! Some have said to me "Karen it's just one more year." My response is it is not one more year; it is eight more years, eight years too many! High Point High School is 63 years old. High Point High School will be 70 in 2024. High Point High School is currently at 127% capacity. In 2024 High Point will be at 154% capacity.

High Point has a current enrollment of around 3,000 students, up 900 students since 2014. As I stated, High Point is the oldest high school that has not been renovated or rebuilt. How can our students be trained for the future in a school that was built in 1954? The school cannot even begin to

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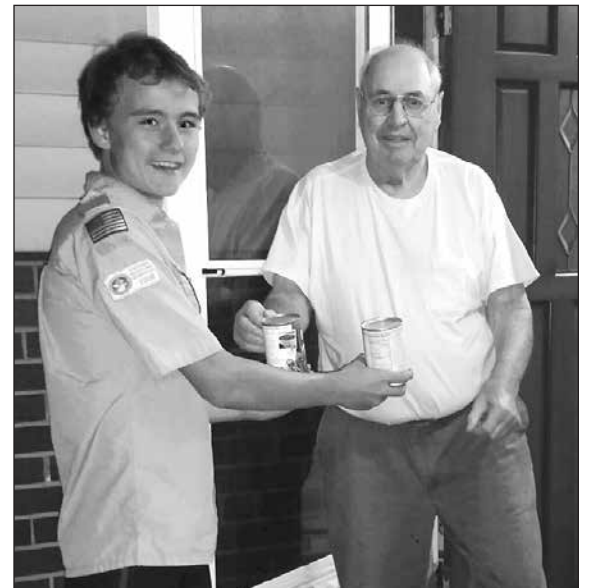
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## Neighbors in the News

### Scouting for Food

November is Scouting for Food month in our area. Each year, the Boy Scouts of America team up with Safeway and WUSA-TV to collect food for the hungry. Look for plastic grocery bags marked "Scouting for Food" on your doors on the weekend of November 4 and 5. Please fill these bags with canned goods or nonperishable food and place them near your front door on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 11. It's best to place them outside your door on Friday evening so you don't forget. Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 1033 and Cub Scout Pack 1031 will come by between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon and to pick up the bags of canned goods. Please, no glass containers! The food collected will be given to St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Emmanuel United Methodist Church, which have food pantries for distribution to the needy in the Beltsville area. Please be as generous as you can



Scouts are collecting food for the needy on Saturday, Nov. 11

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from Ranger Sweet and representatives of the troop, and the National Capital Area Council Patuxent District, Kyle began the first phase of the project, which was conducted during the Labor Day holiday weekend. Lumber and other materials were acquired with the aid of a local contractor, then transported to Kyle's home. A team of older Boy Scouts joined Kyle at his home to construct the six identical benches according to his project plan. Guidance and assistance with power tools were provided by Assistant Scoutmaster Eric Saathoff and Kyle's Uncle

Kevin and Aunt Jane Thomas.

Next came marking the installation site at the community center so that Miss Utility could identify any potential hazards prior to the proposed installation of the benches. Upon notification of clearance to dig at the site, September 30th was determined to be the installation date in consultation with MNCPPC. On this date, a group of Cub Scouts worked to clear the site and assemble the fire ring. Meanwhile, various adult Boy and Cub Scout leaders and parents operated the gas-powered auger provided by MNCPPC to dig the 18 post holes needed to mount the six benches securely.

Boy Scouts completed digging the holes using shovels and digging bars, then placed the benches in the ground making sure each was properly spaced and leveled.

In addition to the wonderful volunteers from the troop and pack, Kyle gratefully acknowledges the support of the College Park Home Depot and Zimmerman's Ace Hardware for providing materials at a reduced cost. Raulin's Bakery also donated assorted pastries for a morning snack.

Now that the campfire area has been renovated, the troop and pack are looking forward to many crossover ceremonies occurring there for years to come. Groups wishing to use the area for events should contact the Beltsville Community Center.

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and attending community events. Juan graduated with honors in 2012 from Hampton University majoring in broadcast journalism and was offered a job reporting for WPTV News in West Palm Beach, FL. After a couple of years working as a multi-media journalist, Juan moved to Miami, FL, where he accepted the position as the spokesman for Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Juan's outstanding leadership with the Miami-Dade Corrections and Rehabilitation department while working alongside the Miami-Dade Police Department and the Broward County Sheriff's Department has earned him the award as one of "40 under 40 Leaders in Miami."

Juan is also an active member of the local and national chapter for the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists (NAHJ). Juan's parents reside in Beltsville, Maryland.

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## Neighbors in the News

# Local Author is Creating New Worlds in His Latest Novel

By Rick Bergmann

David Taylor: you may not know the name yet, but you may someday. Mr. Taylor is a local author who has written ten novels, of which three have been published. He is putting the finishing touches on novel number eleven. His latest book is the middle story of his science fiction trilogy *A Tale of Four Planets* and is titled *The Rejected Counsel of Oomb. Sessions with the Seer* is the title of the first novel of the trilogy, and you can find both titles on Amazon.

Mr. Taylor is a local resident who grew up not far from Beltsville in the Wheaton/Silver Spring area and has lived in Beltsville for the last fourteen years. He received his undergraduate degree in English literature and his Master's Degree in Cross-Cultural Education at Ohio University. It was here that he met his wife. After college, Taylor and his wife traveled to Puerto Rico where he taught remedial English at Catholic University in Ponce Puerto Rico for two years. His wife is from Puerto Rico, and it is a place that is special for both of them. They have been very affected by the recent devastation of Hurricane Maria, and because of this, all royalties from the *A Tale of Four Planets* trilogy is being donated to relief efforts through the end of 2018. Taylor followed up his time in Puerto Rico by spending a year helping the Berlitz School with an experimental program to teach English to police officers and firefighters from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait and a couple of years teaching English and speech communication at Prince George's Community College. He then taught English as a second language for Montgomery County Public Schools for 28 years.

According to Mr. Taylor, writing has always been a passion. In his words, "I have felt a commitment or calling to storytelling since before I can remember; my mom claimed that, when I was only two years old, I would insist on sitting her down to spin some yarns for her!" Much of his early writing imitated authors and stories he loved. He is a huge fan of Jules Verne, comic books, and

television shows such as *Star Trek* and *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.* When he was a teenager, he wrote novels based on these television shows and even sent one of his stories for *U.N.C.L.E.* to the show's executive producer, Norman Felton. Mr. Taylor said, "it was a big thrill to receive an encouraging letter from him!" College was the time that Mr. Taylor began exploring the creation of entirely original material.

Mr. Taylor has done a lot for children in his years as an educator and a writer. His work with children "inspired the creation of some picture books to help them learn English. They featured such characters as Boo-Boo Banana, Happy Apple, Poo-Poo Potato, and King Carrot. My favorite of those was Superbanana, a ninety-page picture book epic! Superbanana could leap over a tall flower in a single bound, run faster than a speeding bug, and bend a blade of grass with his bare hands. But his real superpower was bringing out the best in other people!"

When talking about his novels, Mr. Taylor highlighted *Contact with Gaia*, a book he wrote and published in 2003, as having a special place in his heart. According to him, "It was heavily inspired by my work with children from all over the world and was the first novel I was able to get published in its entirety." When asked about his favorite, he replied: "the trilogy I am completing, *A Tale of Four Planets*, is my hands down favorite because I believe it is, by far, my best-written, most consequential work."

We began this piece discussing Mr. Taylor's most recent novel, and I asked him to tell me a little about it and the trilogy itself. *The Rejected Counsel of Oomb* is the second book in the trilogy. Both novels deal with the first contact with an alien race. The main human characters are a Puerto Rican Family from Philadelphia. On the website *goodreads*, reviewer Elizabeth Brown said that the first book, *Sessions with the Seer*, was "one of the most original and well-crafted novels I've read in a long time! I was completely drawn in from the get-go." You can check out both novels in the series on Amazon now.



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## Tech Sense By John Bell

### Phones Part 2

This month, we continue our discussion of telephones. We ended last month discussing how Internet phone companies provide the bridge between Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and the public switched telephone network (PSTN). Internet phones often use the Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) to make telephone connections between Internet phones. An Internet phone can be a dedicated VoIP device, or it can be an application that runs on your computer, mobile phone, or tablet. It requires a microphone and speakers to use your computer. These applications are often called "softphones" because they are implemented in software. Most modern Android phones include a built-in softphone that can be enabled through the setup application. Search the setup app for "Wi-Fi calling." As we discussed last month, an old-fashioned phone device is usable

with an analog telephone adapter (ATA).



#### Google Voice

Last month, we discussed VoIP providers and incoming phone numbers, or DID's. If you are going through most VoIP providers, there is a fee for the DID and for the service to connect to the PSTN. Google has offered a service for many years now known as Google Voice. Google Voice gives you an incoming phone number for free to use with its service, which is also free. You can port your existing phone number over for a small fee (about \$20). Google Voice provides a number of phone services including voicemail, call forwarding, and a feature that rings all of the phones that you list with them. Google Voice can also block spam phone calls. The voice mail messages left on Google Voice can be picked up on your mobile phone or computer, so you never have to miss another answering machine message. Phone calls in the USA are free, and international calls are very inexpensive (about 2 cents per minute to Europe, for example).

#### PBX

A private branch exchange, or PBX, is used for businesses where they need multiple internal phone lines that can interconnect. A PBX allows phones to be used for inter-office calling and outside calling and allows many phones to share a small number of outgoing lines. Not too long ago, it was common for a PBX to be implemented as specialized hardware that was installed into each business location. Today, this can be done with software on a personal computer, or even a small \$30 computer

like the Raspberry Pi. Asterisk is a popular free and open source program that provides full PBX functionality and runs on many computers including the Pi. The latest trend is to host the PBX in the cloud. There is no longer a need to install any hardware in the office other than the VoIP phones or ATA. The PBX can span offices that are located far apart in different cities, states, and even countries.

#### SIP to SIP Calling

If you already have Internet, you can make free phone calls using VoIP and SIP without ever connecting to the PSTN. Most softphones support this feature and will accept incoming calls directly from other SIP-based VoIP phones. Because there is no PSTN connection involved, these Internet phone calls are free anywhere in the world.



#### Skype and Other Ways to Talk

Of course, there are alternatives. Most people have heard of or used Skype, which is now owned by Microsoft. Skype allows both voice and video chat, and the business version now supports SIP and supports some VoIP phones. Skype users can talk to any other Skype user in the world free. Skype can also bridge to the regular PSTN to make ordinary phones call for a small per-minute fee that varies from country to country. The Skype app is available on most computers and modern mobile phones. Google provides Hangouts, which, like Skype, works on most computers and mobile phones and allows calling landlines for a small fee.

As an alternative to Skype,

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## Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

### Health insurance deadline: December 15

Delegates Barbara Frush, Jose-line Peña-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, and I want to be sure all working families can sign up for affordable health insurance. Despite all the proposals in congress to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), it's still in effect. Now through December 15 is the time to learn about coverage—and other ways to save money on health insurance.

Open enrollment runs from November 1 to December 15. Be sure to enroll or change plans by visiting [www.marylandhealth-connection.gov](http://www.marylandhealth-connection.gov) or call toll-free 1.855.642.8572.

### New Law Allowing FREE Credit Freeze

Earlier this year, the Maryland legislature was ahead of the curve by passing a new law that provides consumers the right to place a freeze on their credit reports free of charge. The recent Equifax data breach is a clear example of why consumers should use every available resource to help keep their personal information out of the hands of identity thieves. The new law only waives the fees for



Senator Jim Rosapepe

freezing a credit report, but not the fees for temporarily "thawing" or lifting the freeze on a credit report if the consumer needs to apply for credit, rent an apartment, or engage in another transaction in which the credit report needs to be reviewed. The fee for temporarily thawing a credit report is \$5 for each credit bureau, but creditors only need to review one bureau's report. Details for placing a security freeze are online at

<http://www.marylandattorney-general.gov/Pages/IdentityTheft/freezing.aspx>.

### Two miles of Route 1 resurfacing

The Maryland State Highway Administration is beginning a safety and resurfacing project on Route 1 between MD 200 (ICC) and Cherry Lane in Laurel. The \$3.3 million project should be completed by the end of the year. Improvements will be made to driving lanes, curbs, gutters and sidewalk drainage pipes, bike lanes, and traffic signals. Drivers can expect single lane closures Mondays through Fridays between 9 am and 3 pm and two lanes Sunday nights through Friday mornings between 9 pm and 5 am. Approximately 39,000 vehicles travel this section of Route 1 daily, so please allow extra travel time during construction.

### Happy Thanksgiving!

My wife Sheilah joins me in wishing you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving.

### Contact us

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Next month will be Scouting for Food. The pack collects food from the neighborhoods around Beltsville Academy. The food will be donated to the food pantries at Saint Joseph and Emmanuel Unit-

ed Methodist Church. Donations will be picked up on Saturday, November 11.

Each year the pack has activities such as camping, hiking, our annual Pinewood Derby, and campfires all year long. We also do participatory citizenship along Little Paint Branch Trail, our toy

drive, and Scouting for Food. Along the way, we learn responsibility, play games, and have tons of fun. If you interested in discovering the joy of Cub Scouts with your son, please contact Regina Halper at [Pack1031CubScouting@gmail.com](mailto:Pack1031CubScouting@gmail.com) for more information.

## An Afternoon of Dance

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## Club News

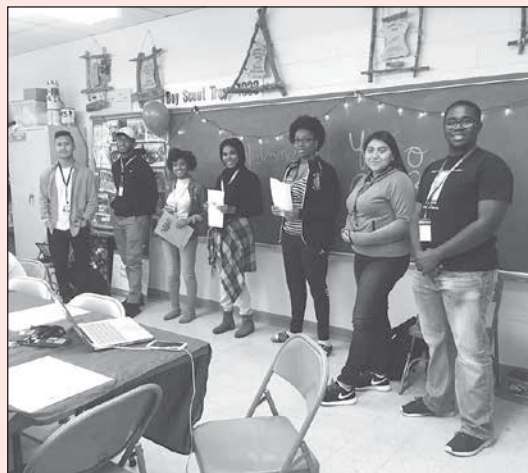
### The YOO Club Has Commenced!

By Jackelyn Flores, YOO Club Marketing Manager

The YOO Club has hit the ground running! It is the second year of the program, and it has big plans to continue the success. This youth club welcomes kids ages 9–13 who have an interest in journalism, photography, graphic design, or arts and crafts. Beyond allowing kids to express and expand on their talents, the club also allows kids to participate in community service projects and build on their leadership skills. These opportunities are made possible through the friendships and bonds that the program creates between the kids

and the local college students that work them.

This school year, the club has already met twice. The first meeting was held on October 2. New kids joined the club, and they easily began to interact with everyone else in the program. To kick off the school year, the kids began brainstorming ways that they can represent community service and peace through journalism, photography, graphic design, or arts and crafts. In their respective groups, kids will work on this project and create posters, articles, or photography pieces. This project is only one of the many projects and activities that the kids will be able to participate in!



The YOO club staff and participants hard at work!

### BELTSVILLE BRIEFS

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#### Church Christmas Bazaar and Spaghetti Dinner

Save the date for the St. Joseph Catholic Church Christmas Bazaar at 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, MD 20705 on Saturday, November 4, from 10 am–4 pm. Come and enjoy the many booths that will be on display. If you need to pick some items up, you can come to the shopping booths, which include attic treasures, crafts and collectibles, holiday and

regifting items, jewelry, religious articles, plants, the book nook, and Santa's Secret Shop. If you feel like winning some prizes, come to the cakewalk or participate in one of our many games such as raffles and turkey raffles, the gift wheel, dip and win, and the sweepstakes or bid on one of the many items in our silent auction. If you're hungry, lunch and refreshments will be served during the day. Some of the food items include baked goods, popcorn, nachos, and drinks as well as the tea room. There will also be booths for kids and teenagers. They can visit the kids' fun and games area, have their face painted, get their picture taken with Santa, or play in the teen arcade. There will also be a spaghetti dinner that evening from 6–8 pm. Tickets for the dinner are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 4–11, and children 3 and

under eat free. Join the members of St. Joe for this day of fun and community.

#### Resurrection Catholic Church Hosts 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Winterfest

The Resurrection Catholic Church will host its 20th Annual Holiday Craft Fair and Winterfest on Friday, December 1, and Saturday, December 2, from 3 to 9 pm. The festival offers over 75 crafters and vendors, a silent auction, a bake sale, Santa's Treasure Chest, food, raffles, and more. It's a real community event year after year, and the best part—it's free! Resurrection Catholic Church is located at 3315 Greencastle Road, Burtonsville, Maryland 20866. Call 301.236.5200 or visit [www.resurrectionadw.org](http://www.resurrectionadw.org) for more information.



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# College Park American Legion Auxiliary Unit #217 News

By Ivy Christoffers

We offer our congratulations to our honorary junior department president and her officers for a successful Junior Fall Conference. All the department chairmen were in attendance to present the American Legion Auxiliary programs to our youngest members. Our juniors are very involved with several charities for which they raise thousands of dollars each year. Their projects chosen for 2017-2018 are Fisher House, Casey Care, and Kami Jammies (collecting pajamas for hospitalized children) along with collecting gift cards for Hammy's Heart. We are very proud of the job our young ladies do. Although we have more than 1,100 junior members in Maryland, this work is done by fewer than 20 of them. Of course, we must admit some inspiration is added by their moms and grandmothers.

Post and Unit #217 held an early bird dinner on October 13 that saw many of our paid-up members for 2018 enjoying a great lasagna dinner. I was there with my membership materials in the hopes more would come in to pay their dues or just to sign up to join us in "honoring their service" because that is our mission in the American Legion Auxiliary, to honor the service of all our veterans and active military.

Coming up in November are several important dates. First, remember to set your clocks back an hour on November 5. Yes, it is going to get dark much earlier after that. Next, comes Election Day on the 7. Then is the very important date of November 11, Veterans Day, when we pause in our day to pay our respects to all veterans for their service to our country. We invite you to attend our observance held in College Park at 11 am at the Veterans Memorial located at the corner of Greenbelt Road and Route 1. This observance is always a moving and meaningful event, followed by lunch at Post #217. The



Pictured above are the 2017-2018 American Legion Auxiliary Junior Department officers: Sgt-at-Arms Laura Eastland, Vice President Kendahl Parson, President Lindsay Birkhead-Morton, Chaplain Haley Carpenter, and Historian Kaori Forsythe.

next date of importance is the 23, Thanksgiving Day. Spend it with those you love and count your blessings.

Our upcoming entertainment at our post home in November is a "Jamboree" held on Sunday, November 12, from 12 to 6 pm. For a donation of \$10, you can sing, dance, and have a great time with like-minded folk. We have several entertainers visiting us in December, and you don't want to miss this chance to really be a part of enjoying live entertainment for such a very small price. On Friday, December 8, superstar Ronnie McDowell and Nashville recording star Chad Reinert appear in the lounge with Ronnie Dove as celebrity MC. Showtime is 7:30 pm, and tickets are \$35.00 per person. On Sunday, December 17, Ronnie Dove and Cameron will be here with their Big Christmas show. This show is an annual event and is usually sold out in advance. It runs from 2 until 6 pm, and tickets can be had for a mere \$25. And would you believe that Ronnie Dove and Cameron are coming back on December 30 with Cote Deonath as Elvis? How great is that! So, if you don't want to go out on New Year's Eve, you can come out one day earlier and have a great time. So many no longer go out on New Year's Eve because of dangerous conditions on the streets. For tickets, call Tina

Zook at 301.935.5308.

Other events held at our post include our big bingo on Tuesday and Wednesday at noon and our Fridaynight dinner dances beginning at 5:00 pm for dinner with dancing to a live band beginning at 8 pm. Our Redskin football games with dinner are a hit as well.

If you have an upcoming event, why not check out our hall? Call and talk to Gary Kingery or Elando Lindsey at 301.441.2783.

Keep our troops in your prayers as they serve to preserve peace for our world. May God continue to bless our great America.

## Halloween Traditions Date Back Centuries

Many Halloween traditions may have originated with the ancient Celts and their priests, the druids. Other civilizations adopted and changed the ancient rituals, such as bobbing for apples or donning disguises.

"Our Halloween celebrations are the remnants of the pre-Christian Celtic celebrations," said Fred Suppe, a Ball State history professor and an expert

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### Daryl Davis and Patsy Stephens: Kissin' Cousins! *Country Meets the Blues*

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## Club News

### The Prince George's County Genealogical Society

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton, MD 20784 at 7 pm. Guest speaker Sharon Hodges will talk about

a new way to research business records to find our ancestors. We may be surprised at the availability of historical business records before and after 1900. Our meetings are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

### Holiday Food, Gift & Fund Raising Program 2017

The Women's Community Club of Beltsville is again coordinating our holiday food and gift programs as well as fund raising for our other important projects. We are asking Beltsville businesses, schools, service organizations, social clubs, churches, and individuals to help us provide food and gifts to needy families within our community for the holidays as

well as funds for our other important projects. At Thanksgiving, we provide a meal for the entire family. At Christmas, we not only provide a holiday meal, but we also provide presents for children. Monetary contributions and store gift cards are also appreciated. *You or your organizations are welcome to sponsor a child or family.* As a certified 501-3C organization, all

contributions are tax deductible. Monetary contributions and gift cards can be mailed to: **Women's Community Club of Beltsville C/o Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD, 20705.** Contact Karen Coakley with questions at [karenmcoakley@gmail.com](mailto:karenmcoakley@gmail.com) or 301.937.3490.

### The Beltsville Young at Heart Club

By Barbara Schofield

Members of the Beltsville Young at Heart Club had a wonderful time eating crabs and crab cakes during their trip to the Kentmorr Restaurant and Crab House in Stevensville, MD. Members also dined on chicken, corn on the cob, potato salad, and, of course, beer. It was a great time to get together

with good friends, and everything was delicious. The group also made a stop at the Amish market on their way to the restaurant. The market was nice.

Just a reminder that the Beltsville Young at Heart Club is for residents who are 55 years and older. If you visit three meetings, you become a member. The club meets the first and third Thurs-

days of the month at 11:15 am at the Beltsville Community Center. Activities include guest speakers, entertainment, games, trips, light refreshments and more. If you have any questions, call Lois at 301.498.9736. I will leave you with this quotation from Kālidāsa: "Today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope."

#### ON THE AGENDA

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accommodate today's technology.

Our schools are the heart and soul of our community! We ALL need to take a stand and say enough is enough!!! Our schools impact everyone in the community, not just the students and parents of Beltsville.

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Please attend the November

15 meeting to discuss the future of High Point High School. We need to STAND UP! We need to SPEAK UP!

Coffee with Cops will be held at the Laurel Senior Center on Nov. 2 at 1 pm. The guest presenter from the MVA will be speaking about "Driving on our Golden Years, Driver Safety for seniors." Tea with Cops will take place on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at the Ridgewood Community. Both events are open to everyone.

Beltsville Community email list update for all former Verizon

email addresses: if you would like to continue receiving community updates, please send me your new email addresses. For anyone who would like to be added, please send me your email address at [karenmcoakley@msn.com](mailto:karenmcoakley@msn.com).

If you have a community concern that you would like to discuss, please give me a call at 301.937.3490 or email me at [karenmcoakley@msn.com](mailto:karenmcoakley@msn.com).

Please join us November 15, 7 pm, Beltsville Academy, Wicomico Avenue, Beltsville. Bring a friend or neighbor.

#### HALLOWEEN

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in Celtic folklore.

"The Celts can be traced back to 800 B.C. to what is now southern Germany and include the ancestors of the Scottish, Irish, Manx, Welsh, Cornish and Bretons. Particular motifs of modern-day Halloween such as the date and time it is celebrated, children trick-or-treating, the jack-o-lantern and bobbing for apples are related to Celtic traditions."

When Christianity was introduced to the Celts, church leaders tried to persuade them to abandon their pagan celebrations and adopt the Christian calendar. Because these traditions were culturally ingrained, the church

provided alternative holy days such as All Saints' Day on Nov. 1.

"The evening before All Saints' Day became 'All Hallows' Day,' then 'Hallow's Eve,' with the word 'hallow' meaning holy or saint and 'eve' meaning the night before," Suppe says. "Hallow's Eve evolved to Halloween."

Another origin for trick-or-treating comes from Scotland, where young men in their late teens donned disguises after the harvest.

"The Celts called them 'guisers,' which is where we get the word 'geezer,'" he said, "The guisers would march around a house and demand hospitality, which evolved into small children asking for treats."

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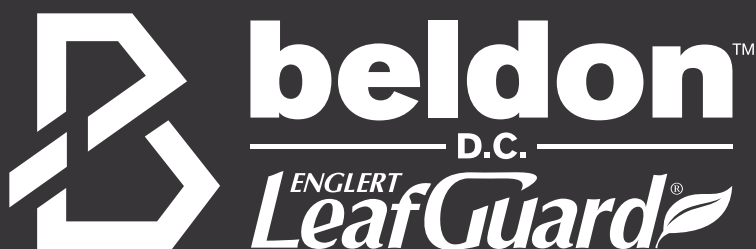


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## School News

# Calverton Elementary Students Get Physical

By Judith L. Pollock,  
Professional School Counselor

As part of the PBIS (Positive, Behavior, Interventions, and Supports) initiative, students at Calverton Elementary School earn rewards at the end of each month for displaying appropriate school behavior. They are expected to be Safe, Organized, Attentive, Respectful, Responsible and Ready to learn. When they SOARRR, they reflect the characteristics of an eagle, the school mascot. It is during the first days of school that students are introduced to or reminded of the expected behaviors in the school environment. Staff members keep a watchful eye so they can identify positive behaviors and award the students dojo points. Those students who have earned enough points by the end of the month are invited to participate in the end-of-the-month activity.

On September 28, students went outside to enjoy the Let's Get Physical activity, the first of the school year. As an added incentive, students were allowed to leave their uniforms home and dress for the challenges that were prepared for their enjoyment. The children spent time on endurance activities such as navigating the obstacle course and running the circuit. There were hula hoops, tug of war contests, jump ropes, and line dancing activities where students danced to some of their favorite tunes. The speaker system set outside added to the excitement as music played while students worked to meet the challenges at each station. There were 9 activities in all.

The weather was perfect—the hot, humid temperatures that persisted during the week came to an end—and everyone was greeted with bright sunshine and cooler temperatures. Perfect weather, physical activity, and lots of fun: all the ingredients that promote positive health and well-being for the students and staff at Calverton Elementary School, home of the SOARRR Eagles!



Above and at left, Calverton Elementary students getting physical!

## Montpelier Elementary School Receives Grant to Champion Creativity in Schools

Since 2011, the Crayola company has collaborated with the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) to offer as many as 20 grants to schools in the United States and Canada. The grants, called Champion Creatively Alive Children, aim to fund innovative programs aimed at fostering children's critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication skills.

This year, one of the recipients was Mrs. Carla Furlow, the principal of Montpelier Elementary School in Laurel. According to Crayola's website, Mrs. Furlow's program is called Environmental Advocacy Weaves Together Art,

Natural History, and Activism. Through its partnership with the Smithsonian American Art Museum, students and teachers will analyze and synthesize the intersections between art, natural history, and advocacy. The Creative Leadership Team will then help colleagues plan art-infused environmental projects that inspire activism. They will also share their insights with the Prince George's County Arts Integration Network.

This is an exciting opportunity for many of our local students. Congratulations to Mrs. Furlow and her students on winning this unique opportunity.

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### HOME SCHOOL DAY: SOCIAL MEDIA, 18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY STYLE:

Tue., Nov. 14 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Silence those cell phones and take out those earbuds! We're going to practice a vanishing art: in-person socializing! Early Marylanders knew just how to do it: dances, teas, and parlor games were how they got acquainted. We'll have fun mingling the old fashioned way. Ages: 7 and older. Cost: \$7/Prince George's and Montgomery County residents; \$8/non-residents.

### COLLEGE PARK AVIATION MUSEUM:

1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740. Phone: 301.864.6029. TTY: 301.699.2544. Regular hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except for most major holidays and some special events. Cost: \$5/adults, \$4/seniors, \$2/children, free/age 1 and under. See CollegeParkAviationMuseum.com for more information as well as events for November.

### CYCLE THROUGH AVIATION HISTORY:

Sat., Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Discover 250 years of flight in a guided bicycle tour along the Anacostia River trails. This flat, 10-mile loop will be a ride through the first balloon flight in America to intriguing 20<sup>th</sup> century inventions and industry. There will be some riding on quiet streets, but mostly off-road, paved trails. Persons 16 & under must be accompanied by an adult. Advance registration is required. Snacks will be provided. Ages 12 and older. Cost: \$6.

### COLLEGE PARK BLUES FESTIVAL:

Sat., Nov. 11 from 6-11pm at the Ritchie Coliseum, 7675 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD 20740. Cost: Free. The City of College Park with the University of Maryland, PG Parks and Recreation and the DC Blues Society present the 10th Annual College Park Blues Festival on Saturday, November 4! This annual free event features live bands, dancing, vendors, craft beer and wine and more!

### LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR

**ACTIVITY CENTER:** Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thur. from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Sunday. Address: 7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the Laurel Regional Hospital. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. TTY: 301.446.3402. Contact the center regarding classes and events for November. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are age 60 or older.

**SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB:** Friendship Club regular office hours are Mon. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Phone:

## NOVEMBER 2017

# Calendar of Events

301.206.3380. The monthly meetings and luncheons take place on the second Wednesday of each month. The meeting for November will take place on Wed., Nov. 15 at 10:30 a.m. We will be honoring our veterans & have a special presentation by volunteers from the Laurel Historical Society & Museum about World War I. Sign-up & pay for luncheon by Wed., Nov. 8. Also, we still have room on our one-day trip to Gettysburg for Majestic Theater's holiday show/luncheon in December. Interested people can contact our office for more details.

**THURSDAY MOVIE MATINEE:** The featured movie for Thur., Nov. 9 is *A United Kingdom*. Start time is 10 a.m. and the end time is about 12 noon. Popcorn will be provided. Cost: free.

### NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR

**CENTER:** 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore–Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Main phone: 301.497.5772. For directions and more information, see <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/directions.html>. **Holiday closures: 1. Closed Fri., Nov. 10 in observance of Veterans Day, but OPEN on Sat., Nov. 11, and 2. Closed Thur., Nov. 23 for Thanksgiving (also possibly closing early the day before, on Wed., Nov. 22).**

Regular hours of operation for the Visitor Center are: Fri. – Wed. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed Thursdays. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, except for federal holidays. Cost: 1. Free admission to the Visitor Center and its exhibits, grounds, and trails, and 2. Other activities and events are free of charge if not noted. Space in public programs is limited. *Registration is by phone only and is required unless otherwise specified* — call 301.497.5887. Note: These public programs are designed for individuals/families. **Programs are subject to changes or cancellation due to weather or low participation.** Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you.

### HOLLINGSWORTH ART GALLERY:

The featured artist for November is Jean Phillips. The gallery is open when the Visitor Center is open. *Registration is not required.* All ages.

### WILDLIFE IMAGES BOOKSTORE & BLUE

**GOOSE PASSPORT:** The bookstore is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the days that the Visitor Center is open. Copies of the recently updated Blue Goose Passport for the National Wildlife Refuge System are for sale, and free stamps for the passports are also available.

### WEDNESDAY BIRD WALK:

Wednesdays, Nov. 1, 15, and 29 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day. Ages 16+. Search for fall migrants in various refuge habitats on this guided hike; binoculars are highly recommended. The walks begin at the Visitor Center.

### FRIENDS OF PATUXENT WILDLIFE HOLIDAY BAZAAR:

Sat., Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All ages, *no registration required.* Shop for wild and not-so-wild new and gently-

used treasures. Find unique gifts and at the same time support the Patuxent Research Refuge. More information can be found at [www.FriendsOfPatuxent.org](http://www.FriendsOfPatuxent.org).

### BILINGUAL NATURE HIKE (ESP/ENG):

Sat., Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. All ages. Come and enjoy a bilingual nature hike at Patuxent. Learn about the trees and animals that call Patuxent their “casa” (home). Hike around Cash Lake and learn to identify nature in Spanish and English.

**STAR WATCH & STORIES:** Sat., Nov. 11 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. All ages. Can you find a lion, swan or snake in the sky? Join us as we discover the constellations, gaze at celestial objects in a telescope, and learn about animals and how they use stars.

### NATURE SONGS WITH STINA:

Sun., Nov. 12 from 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. All ages. *Parent participation required.* Join nature troubadour Stina for an afternoon indoor campfire sing along in our auditorium. Get your groove on with fun and silly nature songs!

**RAPTORS REIGN:** Sat., Nov. 18 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All ages, *no registration required.* Join special guest and licensed falconer Rodney Stotts as he shares the power of nature through discussions and up close encounters with birds of prey. This is a drop-in program.

**NATURE TOTS: GOBBLE, GOBBLE:** Mon., Nov. 20 and Tue., Nov. 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day. Ages 3 – 4. Learn about November's famous bird in this interactive program with stories, songs, and crafts!

**WILD ABOUT TURKEYS:** Mon., Nov. 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ages 5 – 7. Here turkey, turkey, turkey. Everybody thinks of turkeys in November, but is there more to this famous bird? Join us as we explore all things turkey!

## BELTSVILLE EVENTS

*Please contact the individual facilities regarding late changes or updates to hours of operations, especially during holidays or inclement weather.*

### NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY

**(NAL):** Free and open to the public. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for federal holidays. The library is located at 10301 Baltimore Ave., near Sunnyside Ave. Parking is free. Main phone number: 301.504.5755. NAL is on Twitter at [http://twitter.com/#!/National\\_Ag\\_Lib](http://twitter.com/#!/National_Ag_Lib). See [NAL.USDA.gov/visit-library](http://NAL.USDA.gov/visit-library) for more information.

**DIGITAL EXHIBITS:** NAL offers online, digital exhibits that are free of charge. There are previews and links to more detailed information. See [NAL.USDA.gov/exhibits](http://NAL.USDA.gov/exhibits). Titles include:

- *Frost on Chickens*
- *Mailboxes, Mom and Pop Stands, and Markets: Local Foods Then and Now*
- *Apron Strings and Kitchen Sinks*
- *How Did We Can? The Evolution of Home Canning Practices*

### THE BELTSVILLE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION:

Wed., Nov 15 at 7:00pm. Meetings are held at Beltsville Academy, 4300 Wicomico Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705.

### VANSVILLE HEIGHTS CITIZENS

**ASSOCIATION:** Mon., Nov 13 at 7:00pm. Meetings are held at the Franklin Brown Recreation Community Center, 1733 Old Baltimore Pike, Beltsville, MD 20705 (located in the Vansville Park).

### SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL:

Sat., Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The St. Gregory's annual Slavic Food Festival, Bake Sale, and Raffle will be held at 12420 Old Gunpowder Rd. Spur in Beltsville. Featured will be Eastern European foods including pirohi, holupki, halushki, and kolbassi with sauerkraut. All food will be available for eat in or carry out. Our bake sale will offer kolachi and a wide variety of homemade goodies. Admission and parking are free. For details call 301-552-2434 or go to [www.stgregoryof-nyssa.net](http://www.stgregoryof-nyssa.net).

### BEHNKE NURSERIES GARDEN

**CENTER:** 11300 Baltimore Ave. Please call 301.937.1100, ext. 0 or see [Behnkes.com](http://Behnkes.com) for more information and events.

### ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE:

Sat., Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wander through the holiday shop and explore our greenhouses full of specialty and traditional poinsettias, colorful Christmas cactus, bright cyclamen, and beautiful orchids. Visit our fresh greens area full of the scents of the season with firs, boxwoods, hollies, pines and cedars, plus berries and cones. And, enjoy a few extras during the day: Harp Music by Jim Dronenburg from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Light Refreshments from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Madrigal group, Camerata Musica, from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Christmas Workshop Guest Crafters

### BELTSVILLE LIBRARY: Holiday closures: 1. The library will be closed both Fri., Nov. 10 and Sat., Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran's Day. 2. The library will close at 5 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 22 and will be closed all day on Thur., Nov. 23 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Address: 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Main phone number: 301.937.0294. Regular hours of operation are Mon. – Tue. from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wed. – Fri. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Sundays. Visit our library system website at [www.pgc-mils.info](http://www.pgc-mils.info) to *check for weather-related closings* and to use our online library services.

### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

**CHESS CLUB:** Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Drop in to learn to play or improve your game. All ages welcome: children, teens, and adults.

**READY 2 READ PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES:** Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

**READY 2 READ TODDLER STORYTIMES:** Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. for ages 2 – 3 years old.

**READY 2 READ BABY STORYTIMES:** Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and at 11:15 a.m. Ages birth – 2 years old.

**KIDS ACHIEVE CLUB:** Mondays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Homework help with tutors,

for students in grades 1 through 6.

### STEM FOR FAMILIES: MAGNETISM:

Wed., Nov. 1 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Learn about magnetism with Bill Nye and hands-on experiments.

### ILEAD TUTORING AND MENTORING:

Two Saturdays: Nov. 4 and Nov. 18 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Tutoring and mentoring for students in grades 6 through 8. See [www.ileadsuccess.org](http://www.ileadsuccess.org).

### PUPPET SHOW:

Sat., Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Bring your pre-schooler to this Ready 2 Read storytime for stories, songs and more!

### TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS:

Three sessions: 1. Sat., Nov. 18 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; 2. Mon., Nov. 20 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and 3. Tue., Nov. 21 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Children read to a dog. Ages 5 – 12. For information, call or visit the branch.

### FREE LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION:

Mon., Nov. 27 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Learn to speak another language using Rosetta Stone, free from the library. Ages 5 – 12.

## PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

### ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB:

Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Practice speaking English in a friendly environment with people of diverse backgrounds.

### BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER:

Address: 3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. Phone: 301.937.6613. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation are: Mon. – Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed on Sunday. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens and Pre-teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the center regarding events for November.

### BELTSVILLE YOUNG AT HEART CLUB:

Join us at the Beltsville Young at Heart Club on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 11:15 a.m. Members must be at least 55 years old. Visit us three times and become a member. We have speakers, entertainment, trips, 50/50, bingo, plus light refreshments. Questions: call Lois at 301.498.9736.

### STRATEGY GAME CLUB:

Mondays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Enjoy board games, strategy games, and tons of fun. All skill levels welcome. Any game can be played as well as brought to the club to be played. Cost: free. All ages.

### XTREME TEENS AND PRE-TEENS REGULAR EVENTS:

Fridays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free with valid Center ID card. Ages 10 – 17.

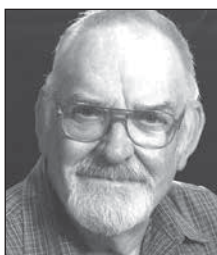
### VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER:

Address: 6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. Phone: 301.937.6621. Fax: 301.937.6623. Spanish line: 301.445.4509. TTY: 301.445.4512. Regular hours of operation: Mon. – Thur. from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri. from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (except for Xtreme Teens), Sat. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sun. from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Hours of operation for Xtreme Teens: Fri. – Sat. from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the center regarding events for November.

### XTREME TEENS AND PRE-TEENS REGULAR EVENTS:

Fridays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ages 10 – 17. Free with valid Center ID card.





# Baker Bill@Riderwood

Yes, I write about Riderwood a lot. That's because I'm impressed. It's not a nursing home but a place to retire to. I lost a leg about four years ago, and here I am not housebound. I work in the church and other programs, I go to the supermarket by a bus that can load me in my chair, and all my medical needs are here. Also, my children do not need to worry that I'll move in with them and be a burden.

Last month, I wrote about the easiest pie ever: pour liquid into a shell from the store and walk away for an hour. Cutout Christmas Cookies are this month's recipe. Everyone thinks they have the best recipe for them, but mine is better. So if you been thinking about a new one, here it is.

Before we begin, I want to tell you about butter. We buy butter from the store, and it is yellowish. Butter is supposed to be pale white, white as printer paper; it

turns yellow with age. Age also gives it more flavor. I once worked in the field of croissants. In New York, there is a company that made the best-tasting croissants of any in NY. Its secret was it never used butter that wasn't at least one year old and bright yellow. So my tip for you is to purchase your butter now for the holidays and then just put it in the vegetable bin and forget it. If you find butter on sale, it will be yellow. Great. Ok, here we go.

## Cutout Christmas Cookies

In a medium bowl, place 2/3 cup of sugar.  
Add one stick of butter.  
Cream the mixture well with a hand mixer.  
Stir in one egg.  
Add flavor: I like almond, but rum or vanilla is also good.  
Add 1 cup flour (any you have).

Stir until it is a stiff mass.

In class, we would roll it out on a flowered tea towel, very thin, about a 1/4 inch.

Use cookie cutters to cut out the shapes.

Spritz the dough with water to make the colored sugar stick. Add the colored sugar.

Bake them until the edges are slightly brown, about 10 minutes at 350 degrees.

You can find this recipe and more on the web at [www.baker-bill.net](http://www.baker-bill.net). Click on recipes.

Next month the recipe will be my fruitcake. I had a good following last year, but many of you could not find the fruit. I went to Giant in Calverton on the bus and spoke to the produce manager. He said he would carry the fruit again this year. If you can't find it, ask!

Baker Bill AKA Bill Raulin  
[bill@bakerbill.net](mailto:bill@bakerbill.net)



## Cross Creek Apostolic Church

12511 Old Gunpowder Rd Spur  
Beltsville, MD 20705

Phone: 301-498-6006 - Website: [www.aupc.org](http://www.aupc.org)

### Sunday Service

Adult Sunday School 9 am  
Praise & Worship 10 am  
Children's Ministry 10 am

### Thursday Service

Adult Bible Study 7 pm  
Youth Ministry 7 pm  
Kids' Power Hour 7 pm  
Discipleship Class 7 pm  
Search for Truth 7 pm

## Haunted House and Halloween Industry Now a \$10 Billion Industry

(StatePoint) Halloween is big business. The commerce of Halloween in the U.S. should exceed \$10 billion during the 2017 season, according to Hauntworld.com, the industry's leading website. That's a lot of candy, costumes, decorations and tickets to haunted attractions.

One of the largest growth areas in the Halloween trade is the explosion in number and quality of commercial haunted house attractions, haunted farms, corn mazes, hayrides and other spooky venues. More than \$1 billion of the \$10 billion spending on Halloween is attributed to ticket purchases at themed haunted sites.

"Visiting a haunted attraction is now the single most popular way to celebrate the holiday," says Larry Kirchner, founder of Hauntworld.com, which directs consumers to find and review Halloween attractions around the globe. The site provides locations and information about all major haunts, pumpkin patches, corn mazes and hayrides.

Haunted attractions strive to make guests feel like they're experiencing a real-life horror movie, some going so far as to use computer animation, giant monsters and even virtual reality to provide scares guests enjoy. Many haunts now fea-

ture new attractions, such as zombie paintball, zombie laser tag, corn mazes, haunted hayrides and escape rooms.

This season, families have many options. Haunted houses have become more realistic, but at the same time, more family-friendly to appeal to larger crowds. So, what is the best way for your family to experience the Halloween haunt craze? Those with teenagers should seek out the scariest haunted house near them. Families with younger children should head to local farms.

Professional Halloween attractions are now often based at family farms, which typically offer traditional pumpkin patches, corn mazes and hayrides to appeal to younger guests. However, many of these farms transform into spooky attractions by night, featuring actors portraying frightening characters, creepy lighting and elaborate décor to provide fear-based fun. You can find the best haunted attraction for your family by visiting Hauntworld.com.

According to Hauntworld.com, these attractions are rated as 2017's scariest in the U.S.

1. Netherworld - Atlanta - fear-world.com

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## QUEEN'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

7410 Old Muirkirk Road, Beltsville, MD 20705

The Reverend William E. Butler, Senior Pastor



## YOU ARE INVITED TO WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAYS AND DURING THE WEEK

Sunday Worship Celebration begins at 10:00 a.m.

Communion Service every first Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship

Church School for all ages 8:45 a.m.; Men's Bible Class 8:45 a.m.

Weekly Prayer Service Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

"Off the Hook" Young Adult Bible Study, Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

## NOVEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

### ANNUAL VETERANS DAY SERVICE

Saturday, November 11, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 11, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Call church office to register

### ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY

Sunday, November 12, 10:00 a.m. Worship

### MALE CHORUS 56<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Saturday, November 18, 5:00 p.m.

### HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Sunday, November 26, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Rooms available for banquets, workshops, & conferences, long or short term rentals

Church Administrative Office - (301) 210-9038 Fax - (301) 210-9039

Web Site: [www.queenschapelumc.org](http://www.queenschapelumc.org) E-mail: [secretary@queenschapelumc.com](mailto:secretary@queenschapelumc.com)

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# Beltsville News CHURCH DIRECTORY



## St. Joseph Catholic Church

11007 Montgomery Road  
Beltsville, MD 20705  
301-937-7183

[www.stjos.org](http://www.stjos.org)

Pastor: Msgr. Karl Chimiak

Mass: Sat. 5 pm;

Sun. 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon

St. Joseph's Regional Catholic School

Principal: Dr. Janine Bertolotti

301-937-7154



A Mission Parish of the  
Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia

Located in Twin Chimneys Office Park  
10760 Baltimore Ave, Beltsville, MD

Evening Vigil: Sat. 5:00 PM  
Hours & Divine Liturgy: Sun. 9:40 AM

All Services in English

Fr. George Johnson, Rector  
301-572-5738  
[www.holyapostlesorthodoxchurch.org](http://www.holyapostlesorthodoxchurch.org)

**Holy Apostles  
Orthodox Church**  
Come and see.

## Abiding Presence Lutheran Church

10774 Rhode Island Avenue  
301-937-7646



Sunday Worship:  
9:30 a.m. in English  
10:30 Coffee and Social Hour  
11:00 a.m. in Korean  
Rev. Jongkil Na  
[www.APLChurch.org](http://www.APLChurch.org)

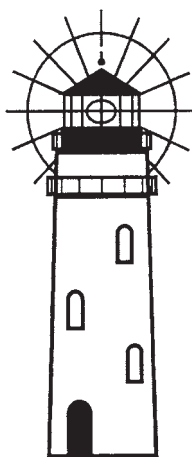
**Come and Join Us**

Located in the Beltsville Professional Center

## St. John's Episcopal/Anglican Church

at the corner of Route 1 & Powder Mill Road in Beltsville  
(301) 937-4292

The Reverend Joseph M. Constant, Rector



### Sunday Worship Schedule

Quiet service: 8:00 a.m.

Family-oriented service: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Between September and June

Sunday Nursery - during our 10 a.m. service  
Wednesday Evenings Bible Study 6-9 p.m.

*We are a beacon of Christ's love  
offering hospitality and sustenance  
to all on their spiritual way.*

[www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org](http://www.saintjohnsbeltsville.org)

## TECH SENSE

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Apple offers the FaceTime app, and Google offers both Hangouts and the Duo app. While these are intended as Skype alternatives, neither FaceTime nor Duo can connect to regular landline phones or support SIP and other VoIP protocols. Therefore, FaceTime and Duo are not phone applications; instead, we call these video chat applications. Both Skype and Hangouts can interact with VoIP and PSTN phones and behave as true phone applications.

Also, FaceTime is only available for Apple phones and devices and only allows video chatting with other Apple devices running FaceTime. Sorry if you want to call someone with an Android phone. Google's Duo is similar to FaceTime, designed to support secure, high definition (HD) video chat over low bandwidth networks. Like FaceTime, Duo can only talk to other phones with Duo and cannot connect to regular phones lines. Unlike FaceTime, Duo is available on both Android phones and iPhones.

### Wrap Up

I have tried to give a quick overview of some of the changes the Internet has brought to the telephone. Obviously, there is a lot that I have left out. Hopefully, I have given you things to search for and read on the Internet. Next month, I will cover potential technology gifts for the holidays. In the meantime, reach out and call someone from your computer.

## Emmanuel UMC

*Beltsville, Maryland*  
A Vibrant Multicultural Church Sharing the Light  
of Christ with all People  
Pastor Jacob Young, PhD  
11416 Cedar Lane Beltsville, MD 20705  
301.937.7114 • [office@eumcbeltsville.com](mailto:office@eumcbeltsville.com)  
[www.eumcbeltsville.com](http://www.eumcbeltsville.com)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/EUMCBeltsville/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/EUMCBeltsville/)

### Sunday Services:

9:00 am Contemporary Service

11:15 Traditional Service

10:15 am Bible Study & Sunday School for adults & children

Nursery Care is available for both services

Sign Language Interpretation at 11:15 service

I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart;  
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

~Psalm 9:1

Join us for our annual Apple Festival  
on November 4 from 10-2 pm!

## First Baptist Church of Beltsville (SBC)

4700 Odell Road Beltsville, MD 20705  
301-937-7771

[www.fbcbeltsville.org](http://www.fbcbeltsville.org)

Keith Holland, Pastor

### Abundant Grace; Abundant Life; Abundant God!

#### Sundays:

*Sunday School for all ages	9:45 a.m.
*Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Adult Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.

#### Wednesdays:

*Adult Bible Study & Prayer	7:00 p.m.
RA's, GA's, Mission Friends	7:00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship	7:00 p.m.



### Live Nativity and Open House December 2 & 3 • 6-7 p.m.

You are invited to see the Christmas Story  
come to life! (Raindates 12/9 & 12/10)

\*Childcare available for children up to 4 years old

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- The 13th Gate - Baton Rouge, La. - [13thgate.com](http://13thgate.com)
- The Dent Schoolhouse - Cincinnati - [frightsite.com](http://frightsite.com)
- Erebus - Pontiac, Mich. - [hauntedpontiac.com](http://hauntedpontiac.com)
- Headless Horseman's Hayrides and Haunted Houses - Ulster Park, N.Y. - [headless-horseman.com](http://headless-horseman.com)
- Haunted Overload - Lee, N.H. - [hauntedoverload.com](http://hauntedoverload.com)
- Nashville Nightmare - Nashville, Tenn. - [nashvillenightmare.com](http://nashvillenightmare.com)
- Bennett's Curse - Baltimore - [bennettscurse.com](http://bennettscurse.com)
- The Darkness - St. Louis - [scarefest.com](http://scarefest.com)
- Field of Screams - Mountville, Pa. - [fieldofscreams.com](http://fieldofscreams.com)
- Factory of Terror - Canton, Ohio - [FOTOhio.com](http://FOTOhio.com)
- Nightmare on 13th - Salt Lake City - [nightmareon13th.com](http://nightmareon13th.com)
- USS Nightmare - Newport, Ky. - [ussnightmare.com](http://ussnightmare.com)

The complete list of the "Best of" scary to not-so-scary attractions is available at: [haunt-world.com](http://haunt-world.com). There are many ways to give your family an age-appropriate scare this season, no matter where you live.



# Classifieds • Call 301-937-6796



## CPR & First Aid Training

Wednesdays & Saturdays

**(301) 595-8800**

Register Online @ [www.pleasedocpr.com](http://www.pleasedocpr.com)

**\*Do You Know CPR?**

**Day & Evening Classes Available**

## SERVICES

**RNG CLEANING SERVICE** - Small family owned business catering to you and your household needs. Friendly, reliable and trustworthy. Reasonable rates and flexible hours. Licensed and insured. Free estimate with appointment. Call Delores at 301-442-5032 or 240-280-1451. 12/17

**TAX RETURNS** - For businesses/individuals. Payrolls. Gerald Neumaier CPA. 301-953-1341; 301-776-6545. [gnepa@verizon.net](mailto:gnepa@verizon.net). 01/18

**HAULING AND JUNK REMOVAL.** Complete Clean Out - Garages, Homes, Construction Debris, etc. Licensed, insured, free estimates. Mike Smith 301-346-0840. 07/18

**TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL** Pruning, land clearing, contact Bob Berra, 301-674-3770 or 301-384-4746. 12/22

**BELTSVILLE LAWNS** - For all your lawn and landscaping needs. We are a full service, year around Beltsville business. We offer: topsoil trimming, gutter cleaning, yard cleanups, mowing, thatching, aeration, flowerbed edging and much more. Call Bill 301-455-4491. 01/18

**NJ CLEAN:** Janitorial, housecleaning, carpet and upholstery cleaning. Residen-

tial, commercial, churches. One time, weekly, monthly. Licensed and insured. Free estimates. Call Nancy 202-288-3578. 11/17

**MOBILE NOTARY PUBLIC** - Nickie Notary - We'll come to you, to help simplify your life. Rates between \$10-\$20. Call Nickie at 301-646-1546. 11/17

**CLEANING SERVICE** - House cleaning, weekly, bi-weekly. Reasonable prices. Reliable. Call 240-593-7829 11/17

**HOUSE CLEANING** - One time weekly, monthly reasonable rates and flexible hours. Call Lourdes at 240-593-7829 11/17

**LEAVES, LEAVES, LEAVES** - Beltsville Lawns is preparing our big leaf vacuum machine for the leaf season. As you know, the counties stopped vacuuming leaves that you rake to the curb - now you have to **rake and Paper bag** (no plastic bags) your leaves before they haul them away. **Beltsville Lawns** collects all leaves from your property - roof, gutters, lawn & flower beds - rake them into our tarps and haul them to the curb where we vacuum them into our big trucks and haul them to the recycling center. Call Bill @ 301-455-4491 for a free, no obligation estimate and yard consultation. 12/17

## HELP WANTED

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